

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**Tuesday, July 22, 2014**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, at 1415 Melody Lane, Building G.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Supervisor;  
Staff Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator; Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator;  
Present: Kim Lemons, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board; Craig Sullivan, CSA Executive Director;  
Todd Madeksza, CSA Director of Legislative Affairs; Dan Bogert, CSA Research Analyst;  
Lisa Marra, Grants Director

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING**

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***INTRODUCTIONS***

***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

County Supervisors Association (CSA) annual County Outreach Tour: update regarding legislative activities and discussion of future legislative proposals.

Chairman Call noted that the location for lunch with the CSA published on the Public Notice as Santiago's had been changed to Contessa's Restaurant.

Mr. Craig Sullivan, used a PowerPoint Presentation as part of his report and stated that Mr. Madeksza and Mr. Bogert were also present to answers questions. He started by summarizing who CSA is - a non-partisan forum for Arizona's 61 county supervisors and said the executive committee currently has a president elect vacancy.

Supervisor Searle asked about the CSA's relationship with the larger counties. Mr. Sullivan said it is good, following a successful summit and legislature session; and will keep the dialogue open, meeting and working as a team. He also thanked Vice-Chairman English for her participation in the legislative policy committee.

Mr. Sullivan continued by discussing the key points of the yearend report with a focus on legislative results. The budget work starts with a Fall campaign getting issues out there, elevating transportation advocacy-HURF was a key target, with a series of briefing laying the groundwork but there needs to be a sustained effort moving forward.

The results of those efforts are HURF restoration at 50%, with Cochise County receiving \$326,557; Lottery Revenue, Cochise County receives \$550,000. No Sexually Violent Persons (SVP) payments; stay at state level. County flexibility language unlocks all statutorily-restricted funds in the county and move funds where needed. Sixth year this has been secured with usage up in rural counties.

Mr. Sullivan covered the state's budget deficits emphasizing the projected balances due for the education inflation reset and back payments.

Chairman Call said the legislators' budget balancing efforts and shortcuts are making things worse.

CSA-sponsored legislation were highlighted; of listed endorsed bills: 4 were passed; he gave an overview of bills that did not make it.

- AACo's Legislative Agenda - 4 were passed
- Other County Partner Initiatives - listed bills
- CSA Reactive Advocacy were outlined by category
- Legislation amended by Counties - listed bills
- Legislation opposed by Counties – listed and summarized

All 3 supervisor asked general questions regarding some of the bills and they were discussed.

2014 Summary – HURF restoration: The supervisors brought up the shift of HURF funds to DPS the legislator's emotional approach to Child Protection Services versus intellectual approach regarding HURF

Federal Update – Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), Cochise County received \$2,142,95 in FY2014, working on a permanent commitment. Waters of the U.S., proposed rule to expand the definition of waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act has strong opposition.

Next Steps – Listed and summarized issues. There was a discussion about using a lawsuit to get the state to accept financial support for different cost arenas that have been shifted to counties. Also how Expenditure Limitations based on a drop in population has stopped Cochise County from not being able to use reserves for capital projects, etc. Mr. Sullivan explained the limitations were put in place in 1980 in response to Prop 13 in California based on a formula with no nexus on how mandates occur and is very restrictive.

Chairman Call said the legislators have ignored the will of the people relative to what was supposed to be put toward education and it is coming home to roost today.

Mr. Sullivan asked if there was anything CSA could do for Cochise County, and said as a take away from today's discussion there were several items they will be researching.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

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